(d) and (e) Various steps taken to ensure that tourism is not affected in future include:

□ Confidence building measures in the Overseas Markets through the India Tourism Offices.

a India Tourism Offices, abroad have been advised to project India as a 'safe and secure' destination through overseas multi-media campaigns, organisation of fam tours for overseas tour operators/ media, publicity of road shows etc.

Overseas Press was apprised that India is located far away from Afghanistan and the centre of the current conflict.

□ Ministry of External Affairs have been requested that Overseas Indian Mission may be advised to project India as a 'safe and secure' destination to travel.

Revival of Biecco Lawrie

*233. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Biecco Lawrie is being referred to BIFR again;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to revive the same;

(d) whether any scheme has been forwarded by the Company to Government; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government on the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (e) The net-worth of M/s. Biecco Lawrie Limited became negative as on 31st March, 2001 and in accordance with the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA), the company became sick and hence the company submitted application on 5th March, 2002 for registration with the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(a) The company had submitted a proposal for financial assistance to the Ministry. However, Government decided to refer the company to Ministry of Disinvestment for disinvestment.